

The Hon. John C. Coughenour

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DOUGLAS BRYAN HEALER,

Defendant,

and,

BARB ALLEN “BUD” HEALER,

and,

MAUREEN HEALER,

Claimants.

NO. CR21-174-JCC

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
SETTLING THIRD-PARTY
CLAIMS TO PROPERTY**

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
April 15, 2025

The United States, by and through its undersigned counsel, and Third-Party Claimants Barb Allen “Bub” and Maureen Healer, through counsel Carl P. Colbert (the “Healer Claimants”), present the following Stipulation and proposed Order to settle the interest the Healer Claimants have asserted in the following property, which has been forfeited by Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer in this case (the “Subject Property”):

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1. One Windham Weaponry WW-15 .223/5.56 caliber rifle, bearing serial number WW147132, and all associated accessories and ammunition; and
2. One Masterpiece Arms 9mm handgun with fake suppressor, bearing serial number F11388, and all associated accessories and ammunition.

I. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL FACTS

On April 14, 2023, Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer entered a plea of guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), and 846, as charged in Count 1 of the Superseding Information, and to Carrying and Brandishing of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), as charged in Count 2. Dkt. Nos. 529, 536. In his Plea Agreement, Defendant Healer agreed to forfeit his interest in the Subject Property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853 as property constituting or traceable to proceeds of, or property facilitating, the offense charged in Count 1. Dkt. No. 536, ¶¶ 9, 14. Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer also agreed to forfeit his interest in the Windham Weaponry WW-15 .223/5.56 caliber rifle, and all associated ammunition, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), as property involved in the offense charged in Count 2. *Id.*

Prior to Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer's sentencing, the Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, forfeiting his interest in the Subject Property. Dkt. No. 560. Thereafter, as required by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure (Fed. R. Crim. P.) 32.2(b)(6)(C), the United States published notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and its intent to dispose of the Subject Property in accordance with governing law. Dkt. No 581. That notice informed any third parties claiming an interest in the assets they were required to file a petition with the Court within 60 days of the notice's first publication on June 3, 2023. *Id.*

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1 As required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)(A), the United States also sent notice
2 and a copy of the Preliminary Order to four potential claimants identified in the
3 underlying investigative material, including the Healer Claimants. As provided by
4 21 U.S.C. §853(n)(2), this notice advised that if the recipient wanted to assert an interest in
5 any of the assets, it was required to file a petition on the docket within 30 days of
6 receiving the notice. The United States sent direct notice to these identified potential
7 claimants, including the Healer Claimants, on or about February 19, 2025. These notices
8 were delivered on or about February 21, 2025, as confirmed by U.S. Certified Mail
9 tracking and telephone conversations with the identified potential claimants.

10 On March 3, 2025, the Healer Claimants submitted a claim via email to the United
11 States in which they assert an ownership interest in the Subject Property. The United
12 States recognizes the valid claim of the Healer Claimants.

13 No competing claims to the Subject Property have been filed, and the period for
14 doing so has expired – on August 2, 2023 for the published notice, and on March 23,
15 2025 for the last direct notice.

16 II. STIPULATION

17 The United States and the Healer Claimants HEREBY STIPULATE to the
18 following facts:

19 1. In support of their Claim, the Healer Claimants assert that they are the sole
20 owners of the Subject Property, which they lawfully acquired in or about 2017, and
21 provided detailed information about their acquisition of the Subject Property. They also
22 promise that they will never allow Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer to have access to the
23 Subject Property.

24 2. The Healer Claimants affirm the information in Paragraph 1 is true.

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1 3. Based on the information reflected in Paragraph 1 and the Healer
2 Claimants' Affirmation in Paragraph 2, the United States agrees that the Healer
3 Claimants have a vested interest in the Subject Property, pursuant to 21 U.S.C.
4 § 853(n)(6)(A).

5 4. The United States recognizes the Healer Claimants' vested interest in the
6 Subject Property and agrees it will return the Subject Property to the Healer Claimants
7 following completion of the criminal proceedings in the case, to include any criminal
8 appeal.

9 5. The Healer Claimants understand that the Subject Property constitutes
10 evidence in this case and cannot be returned prior to completion of these criminal
11 proceedings, to include any criminal appeal.

12 6. The Healer Claimants understand and agree that the Subject Property will
13 be returned to them in its current condition, as it was seized from Defendant Douglas
14 Bryan Healer in this case.

15 7. The Healer Claimants understand and agree that this Stipulation fully and
16 finally resolves their claim to the Subject Property. They waive any right to further
17 litigate or pursue this claim, in this or any other proceeding, judicial or administrative.

18 8. Upon return of the Subject Property, the Healer Claimants agree to release
19 and hold harmless the United States, its agents, representatives, and/or employees, as well
20 as any involved state or local law enforcement agencies, their agents, representatives, and
21 or employees, from any and all claims the Healer Claimants may possess, or that could
22 arise, based on the seizure, detention, and return of the Subject Property.

23 9. The United States and the Healer Claimants agree that they will each bear
24 their own costs and attorneys' fees associated with the seizure, detention, and return of
25 the Subject Property, as well as with the Healer Claimants' claim and this Stipulation.

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10. The United States and the Healer Claimants agree that the terms of this Stipulation are subject to review and approval by the Court, as provided in the proposed Order below. If the Court enters the proposed Order, a violation of any term or condition of this Stipulation shall be construed to be a violation of that Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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DATED: April 15, 2025

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Third-Party Claimant

DATED: April 7, 2025

s/Maureen Healer

MAUREEN HEALER

Third-Party Claimant

DATED: April 14, 2025

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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The Court, having reviewed the Stipulation between the United States and Third-Party Claimants Barb Allen “Bud” and Maureen Healer, which settles the interest the Third-Party Claimants have asserted in the following property, which has already been forfeited by Defendant Douglas Bryan Healer in this case:

1. One Windham Weaponry WW-15 .223/5.56 caliber rifle, bearing serial number WW147132, and all associated accessories and ammunition; and
2. One Masterpiece Arms 9mm handgun with fake suppressor, bearing serial number F11388, and all associated accessories and ammunition.

The Court HEREBY APPROVES the Stipulation and its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2025.



THE HON. JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 15, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the parties of record.

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